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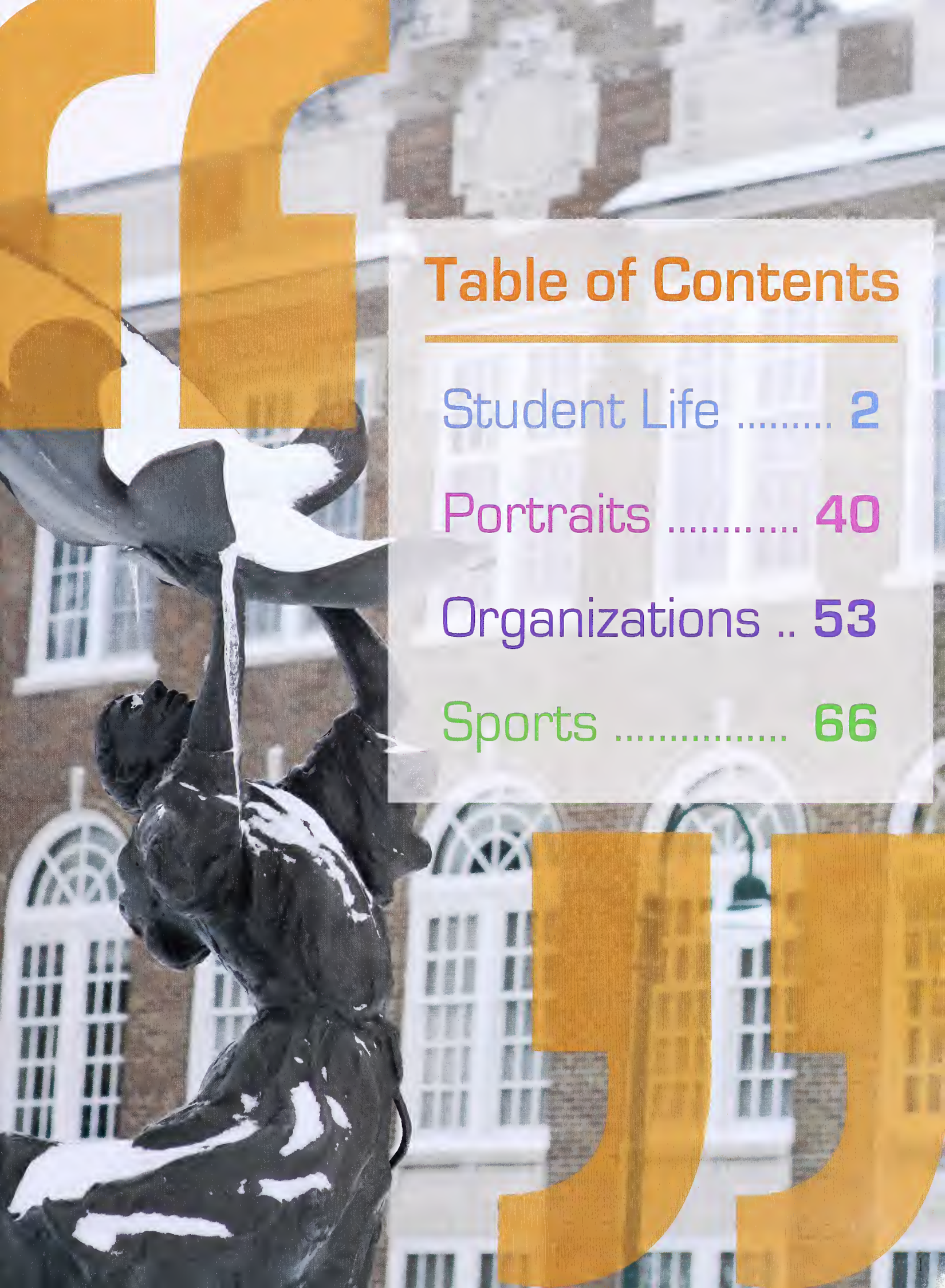

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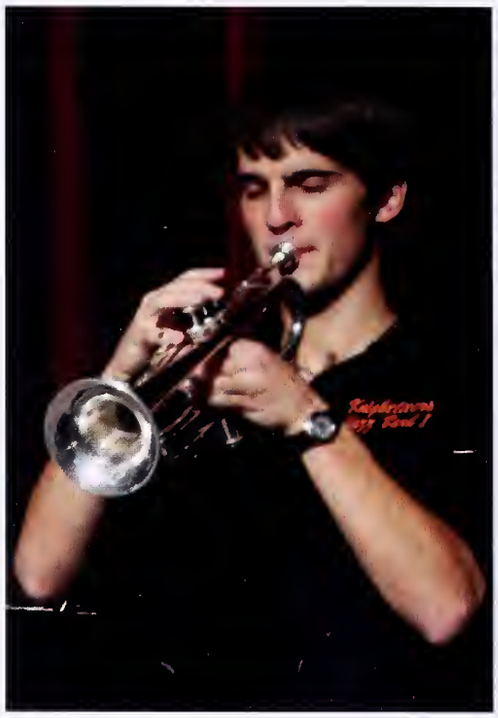

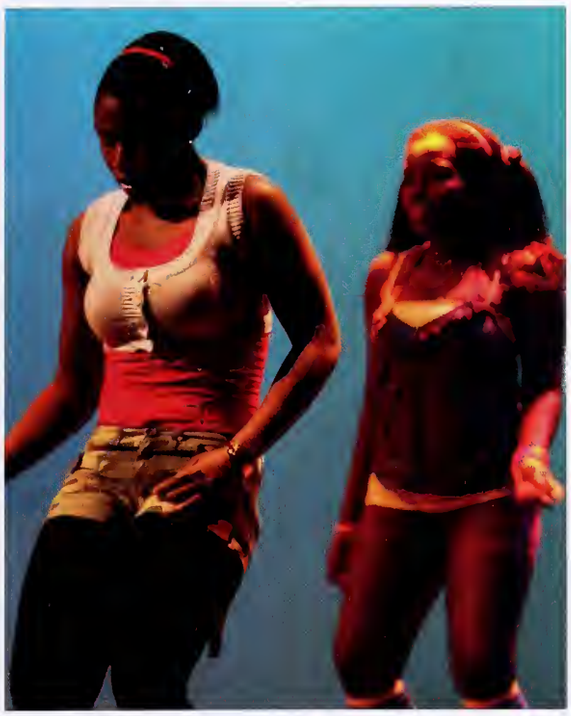

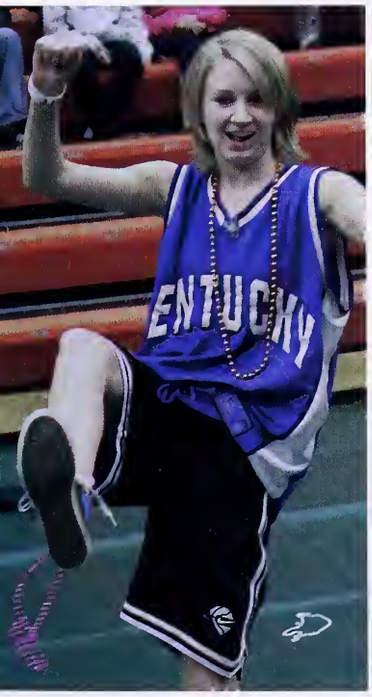

Student Life

Outfly

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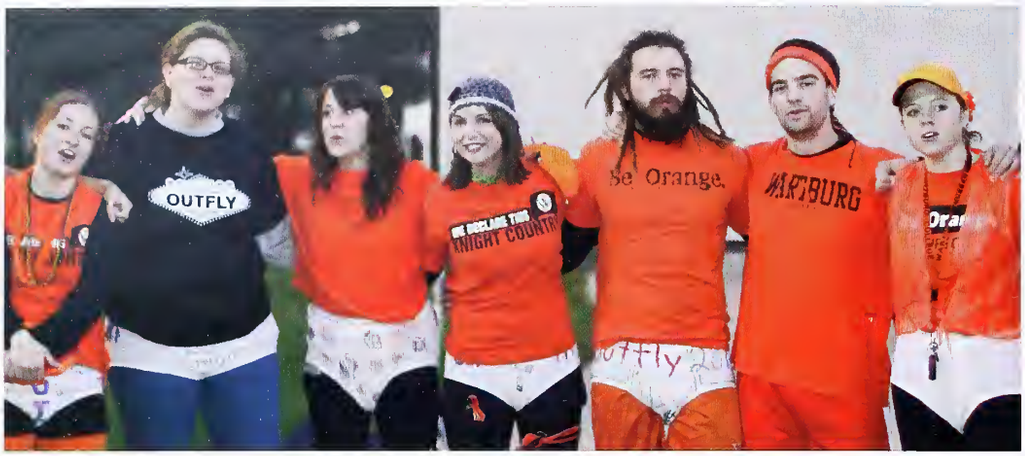
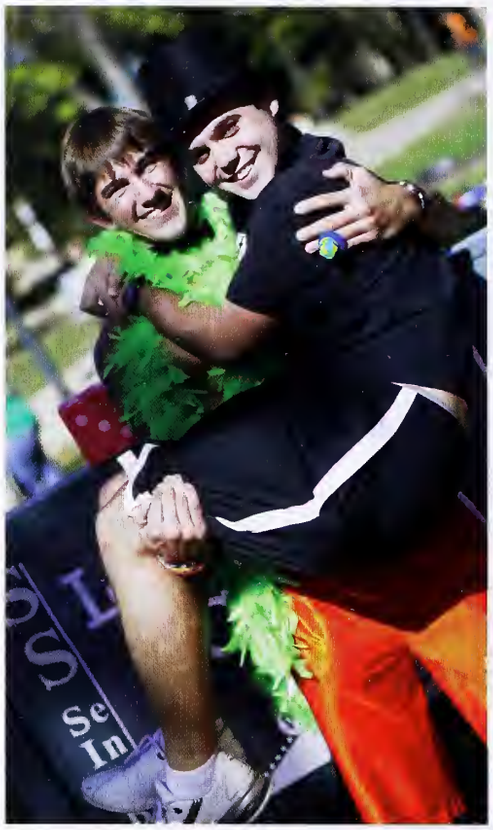
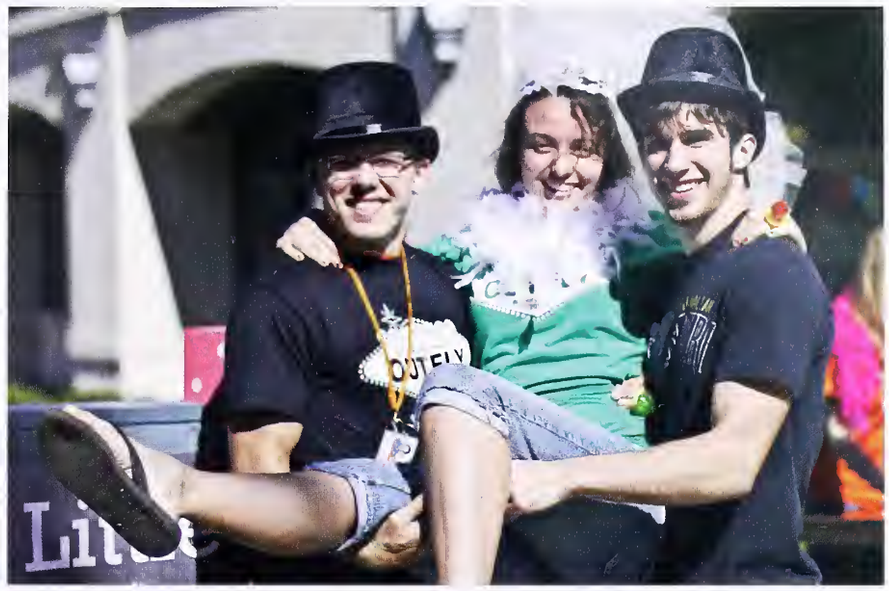






Everyone place your bets, it's Outfly. This year's theme was Casino Knight in Vegas and had all wondering when Outfly was going to occur. The student body gathered at the victory bell until Outfly was declared. Students were given the first clue to the hunt to find Student Body President Trevor Carolan in a skit based off of the movie 'The Hangover'. This was followed by breakfast in the Mensa served by professors. To kick off the afternoon festivities, casino games such as blackjack, poker and roulette were featured. Bingo, inflatable obstacle courses, and a photo booth featuring the little white chapel were also set up on the Campus Mall. The evening ended with students watching 'Vegas Vacation' and enjoying hot chocolate and popcorn at Clinton Field.

Homecoming

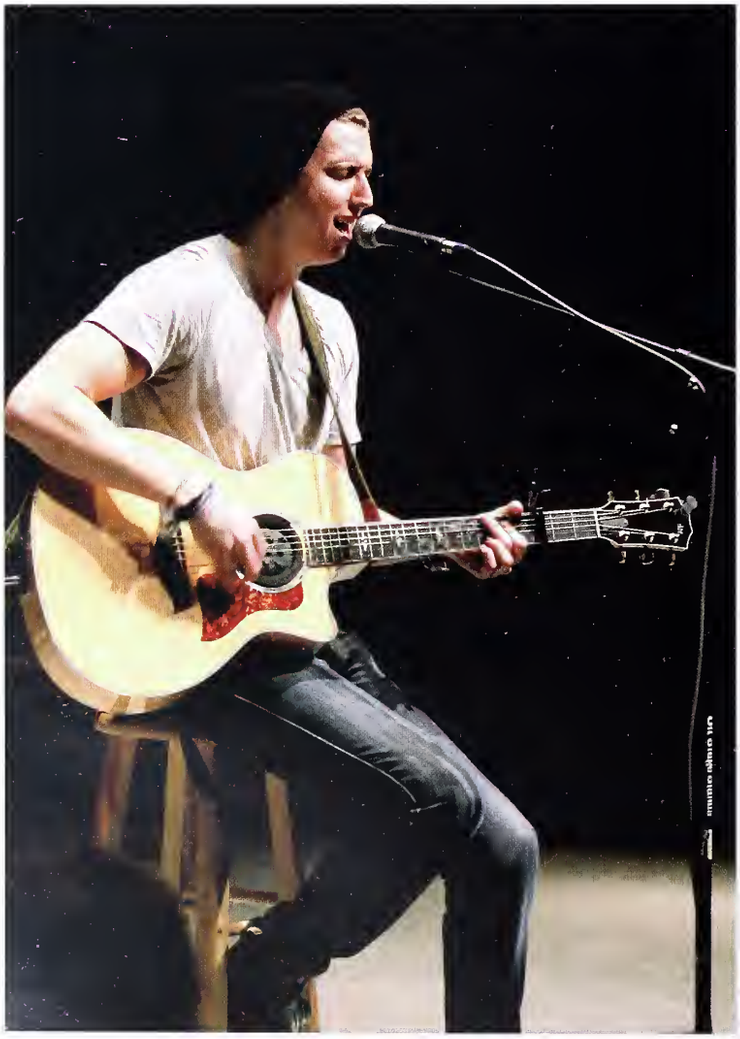
"Orange Stampede: The Race Back Home"

Students, alumni, friends and family gathered to this year's homecoming celebration. This year's theme was Orange Stampede: The Race Back Home. Festivities kicked off on Thursday night with Kastle Kapers. Audrey Sturtz and Kenton Engels served as emcees for the annual talent show highlighting student performers. Coronation directly followed the performance, and Lou Peters and Missy McMurray were crowned king and queen. Immediately following coronation, students raced over to Levick Arena when the pep rally took place. Saturday featured even more activities beginning the newly routed parade, which was followed by the Renaissance Faire on the campus mall. Everyone gathered together in the afternoon to cheer on the Knights as they took on the University of Dubuque. The Knights came out on top with a win of 55-17. The night concluded with Oktoberfest where hundreds of students and alumni ate, drank and celebrated Wartburg.

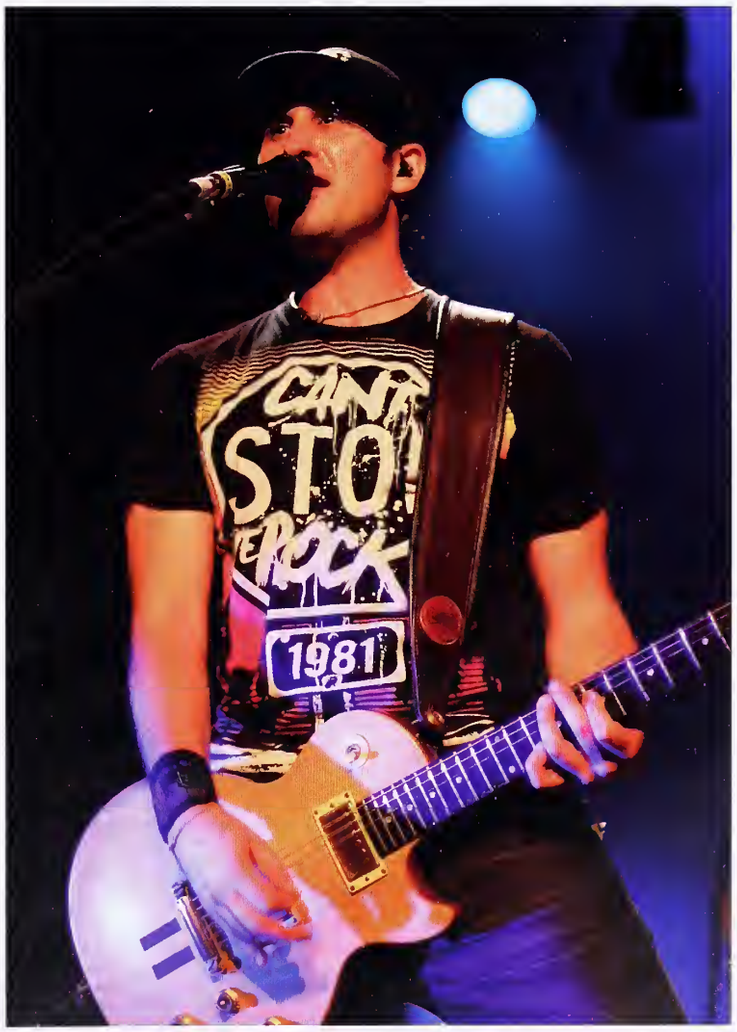
Knights

ETK

"Follow me for a good time."

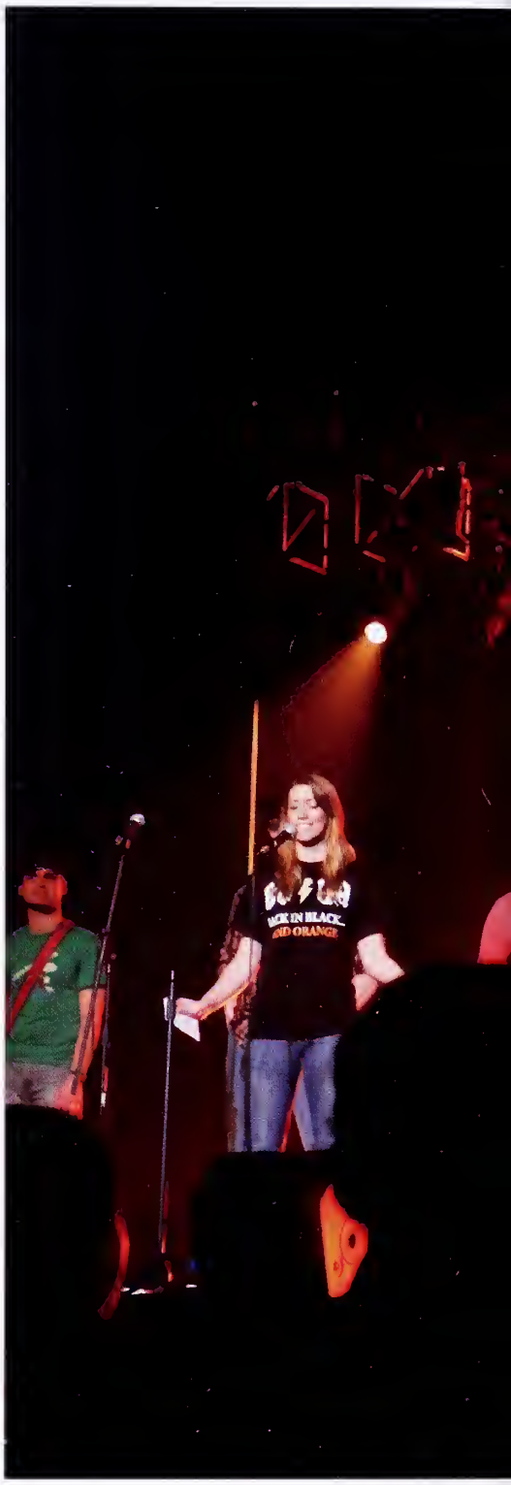


Entertainment ToKnight, also known as simply ETK, held a variety of events this year featuring comedians, singers and bands. Hypnotist, Dale K, kicked off the year with an annual show that showcased students in an assortment of hilarious antics. ETK began a new tradition this year by hosting Freaking Funny Fridays, which showcased a different comedian every Friday in October. From high energy performances by Chingy and Safety Suit to the mellow sounds of Ben Pegg and Chapter 6, ETK brings a variety of acts to campus that please all student's interests. ETK also provides students many opportunities to show off their hidden talents by hosting an open mic night and Battle of the Unsigned Artists.



Battle of the Unsigned Artists

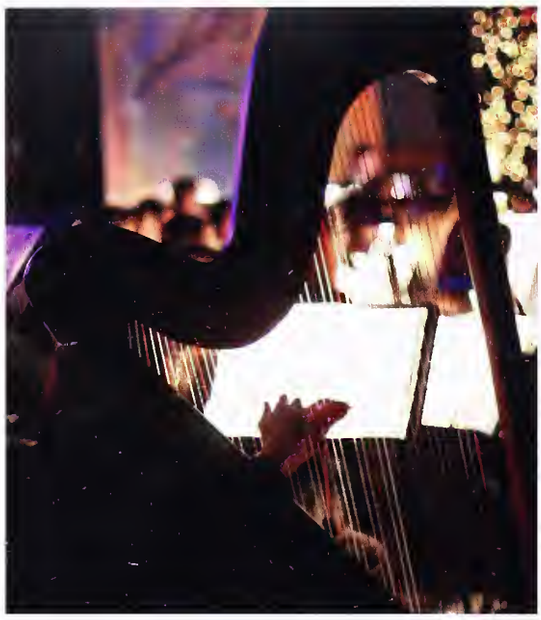
"Back in Black and Orange"

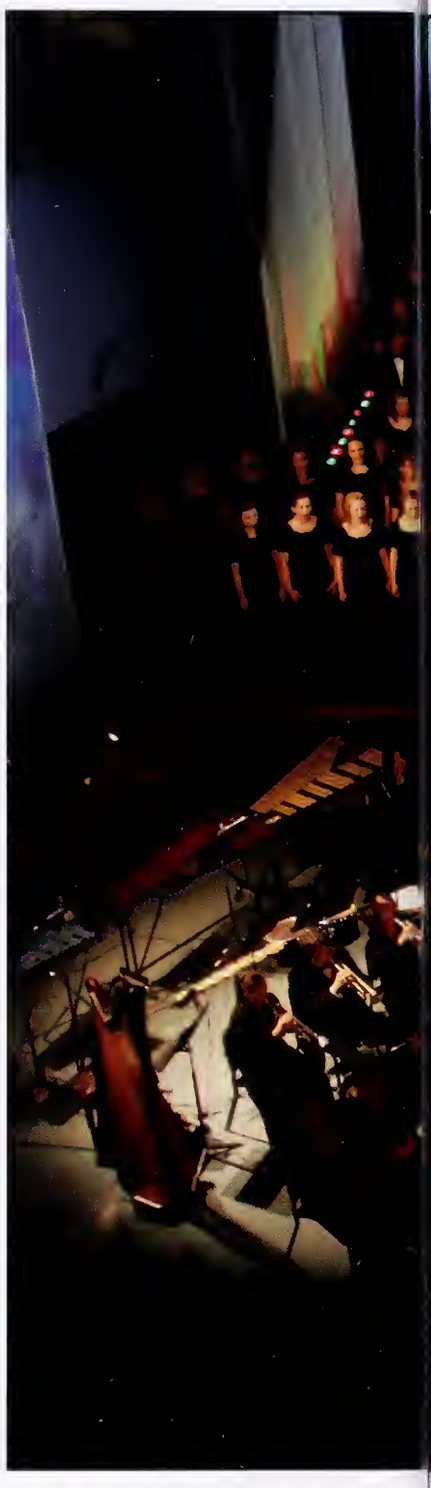


Battle of the Unsigned Artists is a way for Wartburg musicians to show off their talent. The emcee for the evening was musician and comedian, Amanda Duncan. Between acts, Amanda entertained the crowd with original songs on her mandolin and guitar. After auditioning, this years battle of the unsigned artists contestants included Beyond the Silence, Kyle Fleming, Feet to Fall Over, and Carjack Lovers. Each band had to consist of at least one Wartburg student, and had 15 minutes to play. The bands could play one cover song of their choice, but the rest had to be original pieces. This years winner was Kyle Fleming. For the second year in a row, Kyle Fleming took the title with his three original songs; It's You, Proximity, and Superhero. After winning BOUA Fleming went on to audition for the popular television show, America's Got Talent. This years proceeds were donated to the NorthEast Iowa Food bank.

Christmas With Wartburg

"The four-concert series includes on- and off-campus performances attended by nearly 7,000 people each year."





Hope, joy, and peace on the new mural depicted this year's Christmas With Wartburg theme, "Tidings of Great Joy." Students involved in The Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, and Wind Ensemble performed to nearly sold out crowds in Neumann Auditorium December 4 through 7. This year's performance also included a children's choir to incorporate Wartburg's "Celebrate Community" theme for the year. To go along with the new mural, new lighting was also installed. These two additions worked together as the lighting moved along the mural as the program moved into the themes of hope, joy, and peace. The program concluded where all performers joined together in a candlelit number.

Mime

"It's really tricky sometimes to try and figure out how you're going to communicate and act things out without really ever saying anything."

The Mime is an annual performance that takes place in the Chapel. This year those who attended witnessed a struggle of Jesus and Satan in silent actions. Mime gives a portrayal of the life of Jesus, but does so in a unique way. The story is told entirely by actions and music without any words. This years Mime cast included eleven students and three others that worked on the crew. Kayley Law was this year's student writer and director. Scenes ranged from the fall of Satan to Jesus' resurrection and promise of forgiveness. The actors painted their faces to depict their characters, evil characters painted their faces black while Jesus' face was painted white.

Artist Series

"It was just amazing and visually, beautifully done."

Each year the Artist Series committee works hard to bring a variety of unique events to campus. The events range from melodramatic theatrical plays to lively acrobatic shows to angelic sounds by choirs from all over the globe. These shows are open to all Wartburg students as well as community members.

To begin the year the Texas Tenors performed to nearly sold-out crowds at each of their shows. The group is well known for their appearance on America's Got Talent where they placed fourth. The Texas Tenors also performed the national anthem at Wartburg's home football game against Loras College.

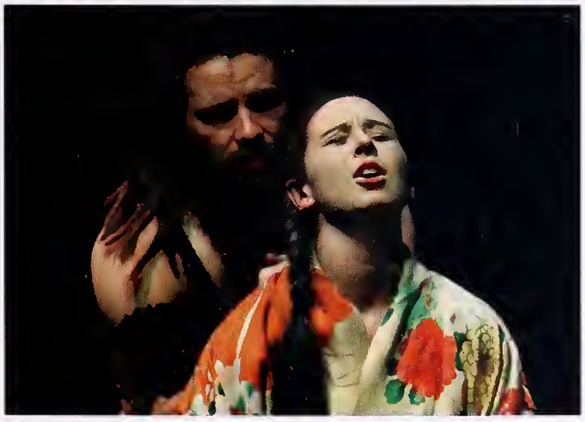
The second event of the year was the Church Basement Ladies. Following sold out performances last year, the Artist Series committee decided to invite the group back to campus for a "second helping." Set in 1969, their hilarious onstage antics dealt with issues such as anti-war protests, serving at the church's Missionary Night, and the Minnesota Vikings on Super Bowl Sunday.

The third act of the year was a family of four world-class musicians known as String Fever. The musicians played electrified five- and six-stringed instruments with humor and energy. They ended the show with their signature finale of "The History of Music...in Five Minutes."

The New York Ballet's performance of "Alice in Wonderland" brought the Artist Series season to a close. The performance was well received by the audience, and has been called "groundbreaking in its programming and execution."

Rashomon

"It keeps you going. One story plays on the next and keeps going forward. It's suspenseful."

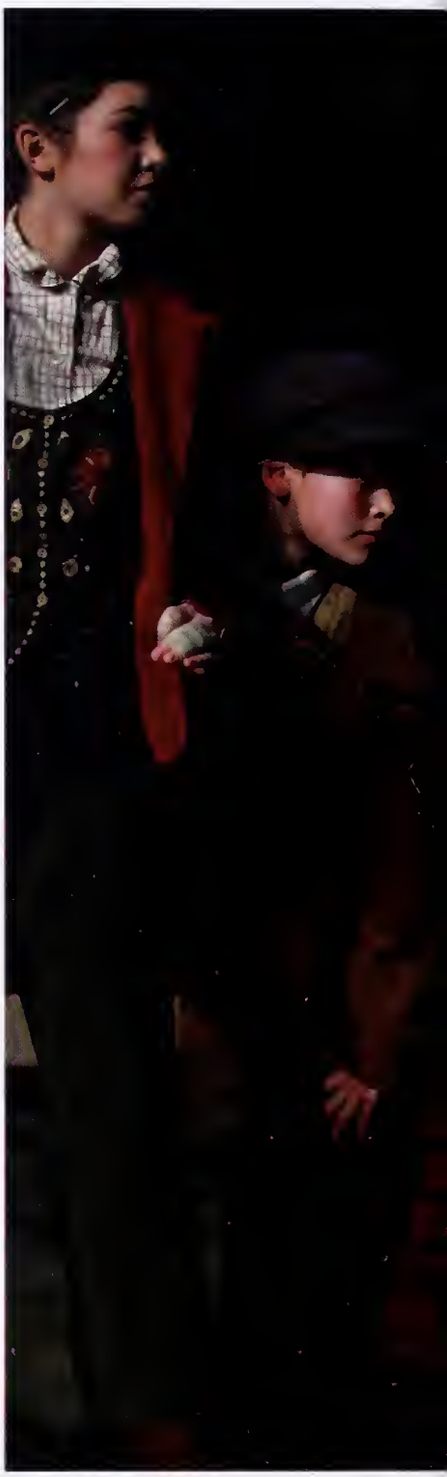


Rashomon, was the first play of the year put on by the Wartburg Players. The production was originally a Japanese film. The story takes the audience back thousands of years to Kyoto, Japan at Rashomon Gate. The play brought quite a bit of Japanese culture to the stage by performing Asian dances and even included two sword fights.

In the play, the story of the rape and murder are told four times during a trial, each witness has a different story to tell. What started as a melodramatic account of the crime turns into a comic one by the fourth time as the search for the truth continues.

Oliver!

"Please, Sir, can I have some more?"

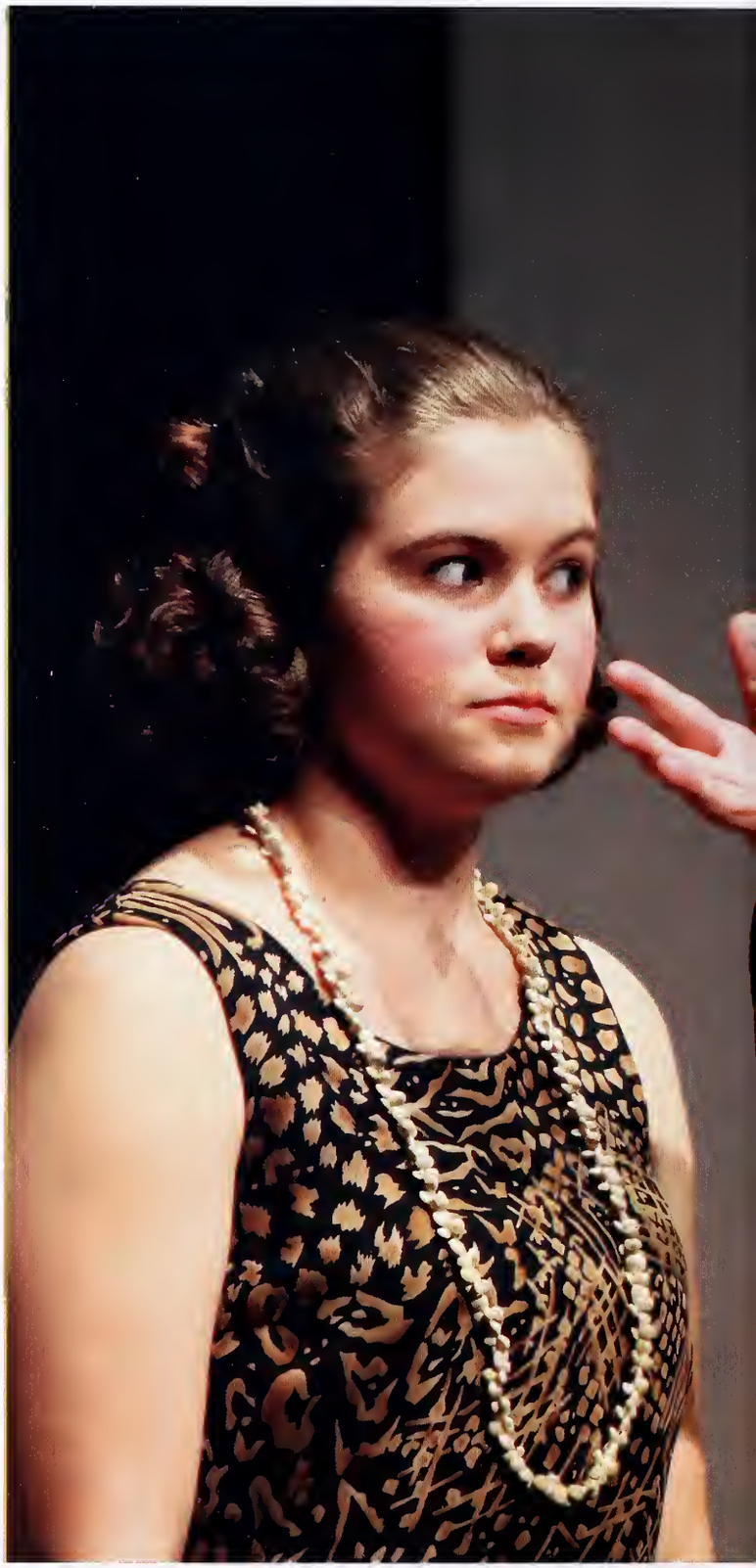


The musical of the year was Oliver!, one of the classics in the world of theater. Inspired by Charles Dickens' novel, Oliver Twist, about a young orphan who escapes to London. There he meets the Artful Dodger, leader of a gang of juvenile pickpockets.

While this is a performance of the college, much of the cast was comprised of children, including two of the main characters. This addition added some challenges, but it really helped the play come to life. Many of the cast members enjoyed working along side the young actors.

Kosher Lutherans

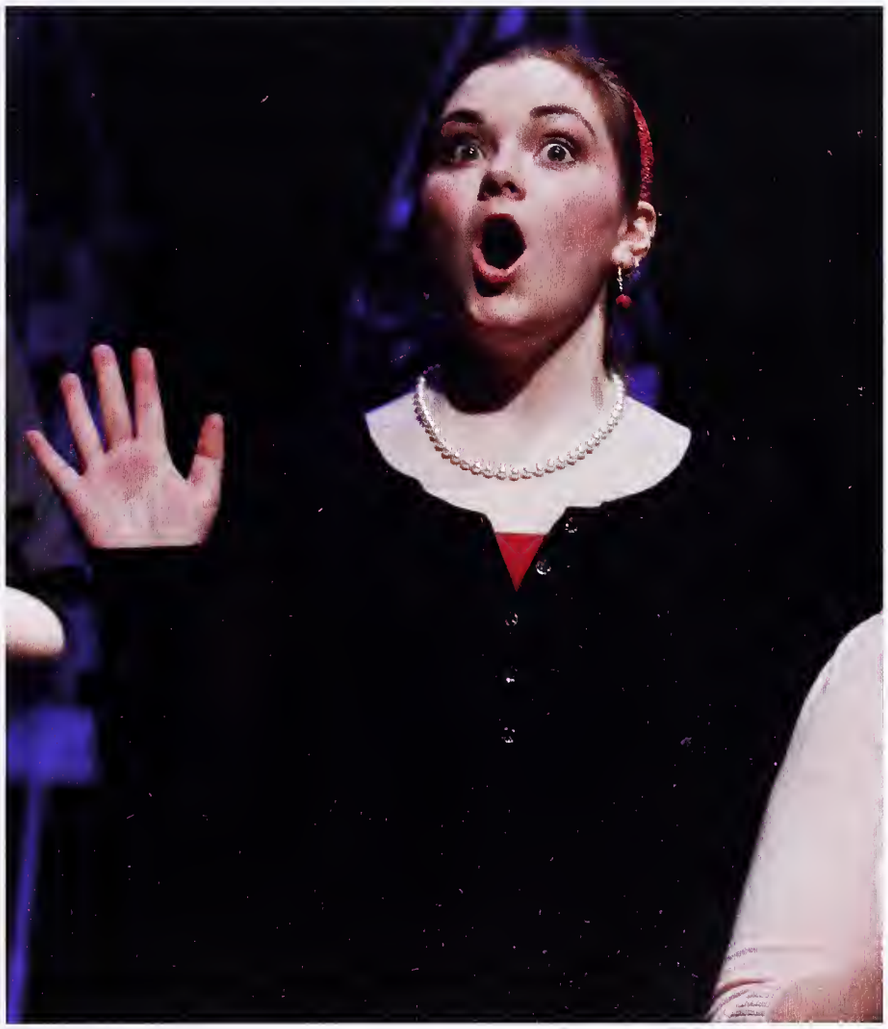
"It also makes me think about tolerance and loving people for who they are, as well as being true to who you are."



The final performance of the year called Kosher Lutherans, was a comedy poking fun at both the Lutheran and Jewish religions. This performance was chosen for two main reasons: Students always want a comedy and this performance brought in the element of diversity. In an unofficial poll done before the performances, sixty percent of students surveyed did not know what 'kosher' meant. There were high hopes that the play would be well received, and such hopes were filled. The performances were well attended and the audiences responded well to the sitcom-style humor. The small cast consisted of actors Matt Hodak, Gretchen Skellenger, Justin Cervantes, Maddie Paxton, and Caitlin Harbach.

Vagina Monologues

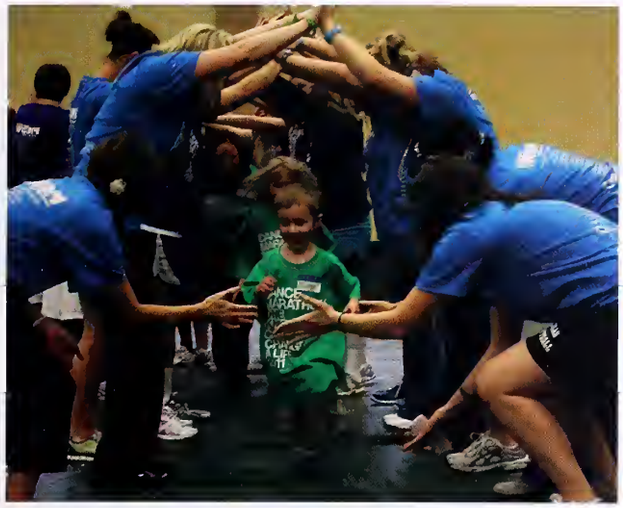
"The main focus of the events is to promote education and understanding of violence against women – things that people really don't like to talk about because they are such sensitive subjects."

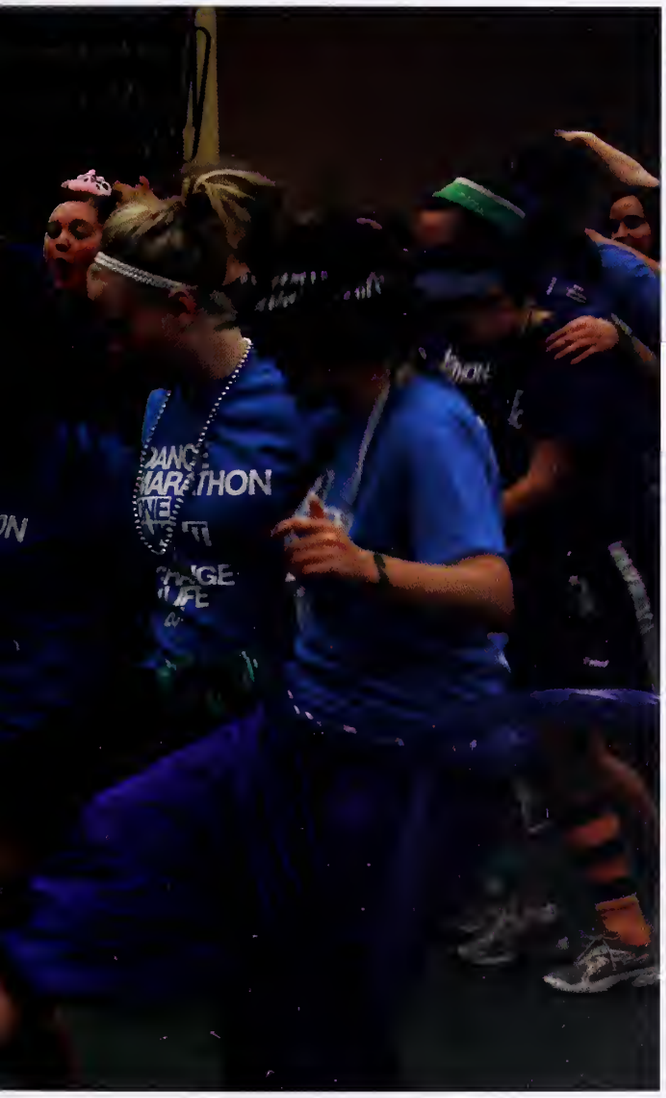


Moments of comedy, sadness and awkward conversations were the highlight of Wartburg's fourth annual production of "The Vagina Monologues." The monologues portrayed real-life stories from women all over the world. The original show was written by Eve Ensler who wrote the play after interviewing many women on topics such as sex, relationships and violence against women. Each year Wartburg hosts a V-Day campaign, which is intended to raise money for local women's shelters in an attempt to end violence against women. The campaign raises awareness for these issues by hosting a panel discussion and Eucharist.

Dance Marathon

"One Knight Can Change a Life."



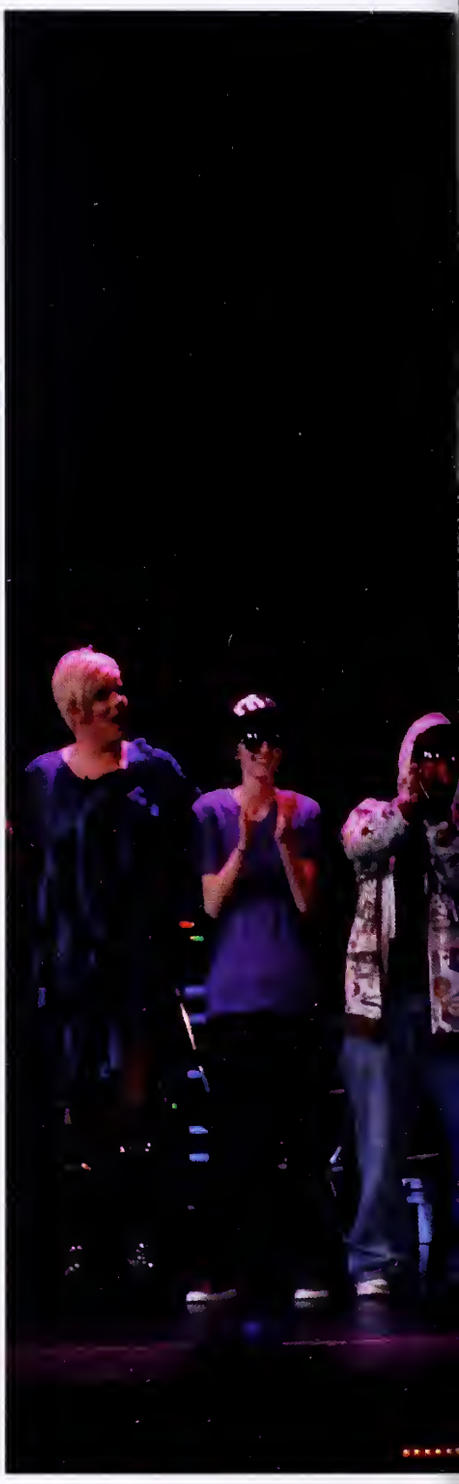


Dance Marathon is a student-run organization that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network and the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Throughout the year Dance Marathon hosts a variety of fundraisers and family events all leading up to the main event. In order to participate, each dancer raises $100. This year's event included more than 120 participants and raised $17,704.18.

The main event is a full eight-hour Dance Marathon. It includes live entertainment, games and dancing. At the top of each hour everyone participates in the morale dance, a choreographed dance featuring short excerpts from a myriad of popular songs, which is designed to keep the energy up for the duration of the event. Above all Dance Marathon is for the kids.

Drag Show

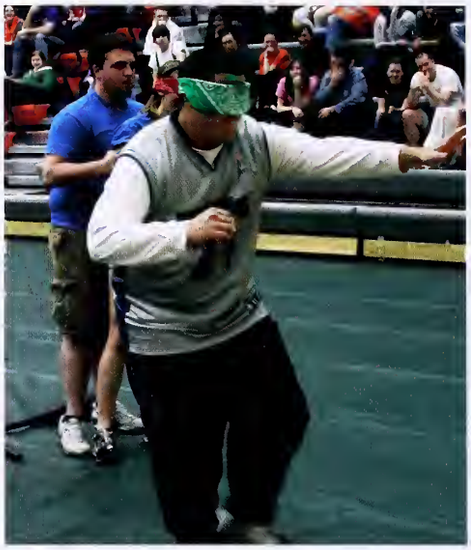
"We Are Who We Are"

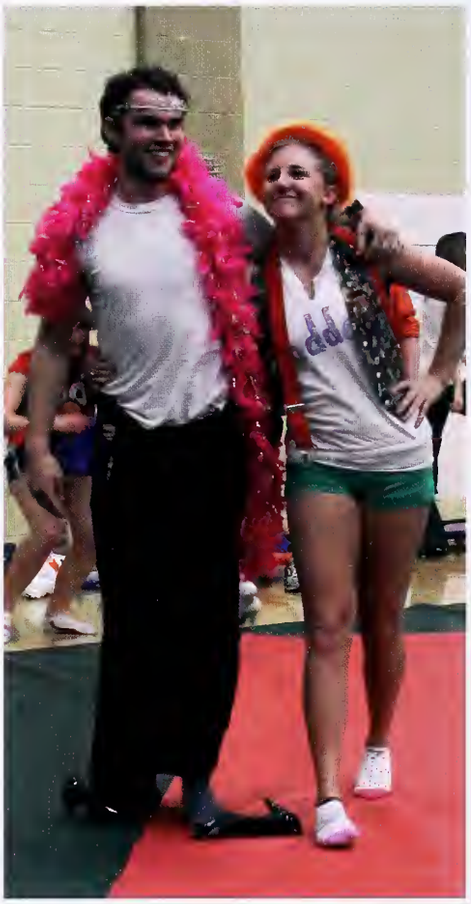


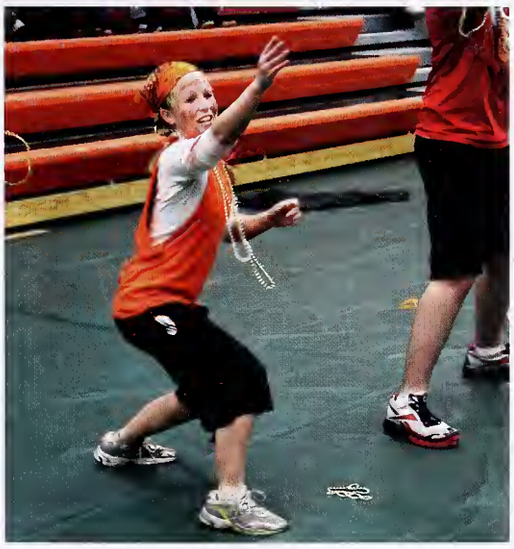
The Wartburg College Alliance put on their sixth annual drag show on March 26th. The theme of this years show was inspired by the Ke$ha hit, We Are Who We Are. The high energy show consisted of numerous acts performed by both professionals and students. The professional drag queens were brought in from Waterloo and Cedar Rapids. Crowd favorites were Justin Bieber, the performance of the Glee cast, and Lady Gaga's Born This Way. The emcee for the evening was Miss Pretty Belle from Cedar Rapids. Pretty Belle donated twenty dollars to Alliance for every swear word she said that evening. Alliance is a non-profit student group that works to provide a supportive and accepting environment for students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Duo

"Roadtripped."







This year's second annual Duo was put on by the Tower Agency and was held in Levick Arena on March 31. The Duo consisted of eight co-ed teams competing against each other. The teams took part in wacky challenges in hopes of becoming the Ultimate Duo. This years Duo competition took teams on a road trip. The challenges included "Man vs. Food," a necklace toss, an obstacle course and many more. This years emcees were Jon Housholder and Britney Borchardt. Duo participants included: Emily Ewy and Jacey Heuer, Erika Youngberg and Nate Welsch, Amanda Gahler and Trey Gonzales, Deanna Flood and Trevor Finchamp, Lexi Spain and Kevin Schneider, Abby Shannon and Christopher Kurt, Kasey Johnson and Crosby King, Chantal Kneeper and Trevor Harrison. Although all participants put forth their best effort, there can only be one winner. Team Sheen, Deanna Flood and Trevor Finchamp took the top title. The proceeds from this event were donated to the Bremer County Relay for Life.

Chingy

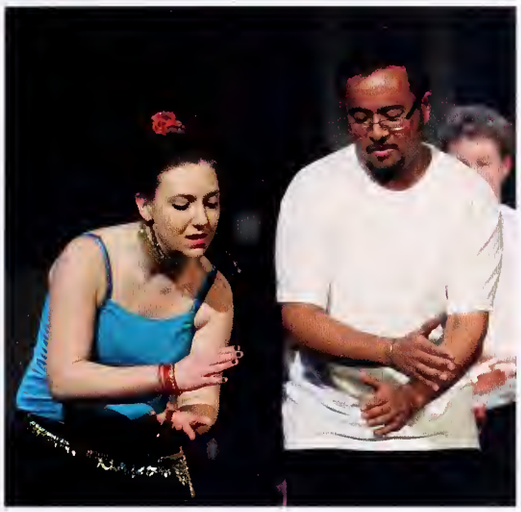
"The students on behalf of ETK have done a great job of reshaping this event and getting the word out, and we hope it is a positive experience for all that attend,"

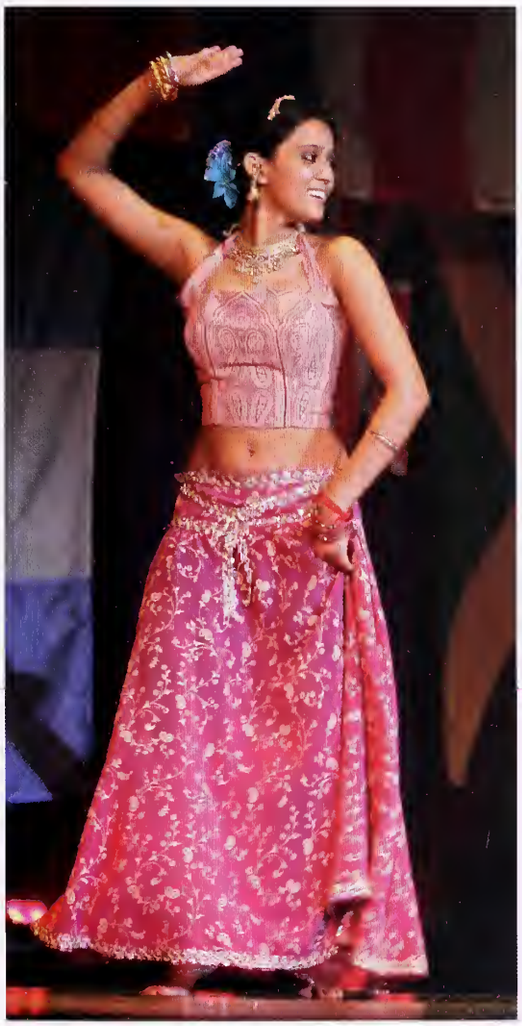
This year's large event was rap artist, Chingy. Chingy is a St. Louis native and his hits include "Holidae Inn" and "Right Thurr." ETK had to book Chingy at the last minute because scheduled performer Travie McCoy pulled out of the concert due to personal reasons. "It was definitely scary, something that you wouldn't expect to happen and to have it happen only a week before the Large Event was definitely a shock," Shelley Hartman said. "You are worried at that point if you are actually going to find something and what happens if we have to actually cancel the event?" Although McCoy pulled out, ETK tickets sales grew once they announced that Chingy would now be taking the stage.

Culture Week

"Every time you get to know something from a different culture, you just get a broader perspective, so I think it will make people look at the world in different lenses."

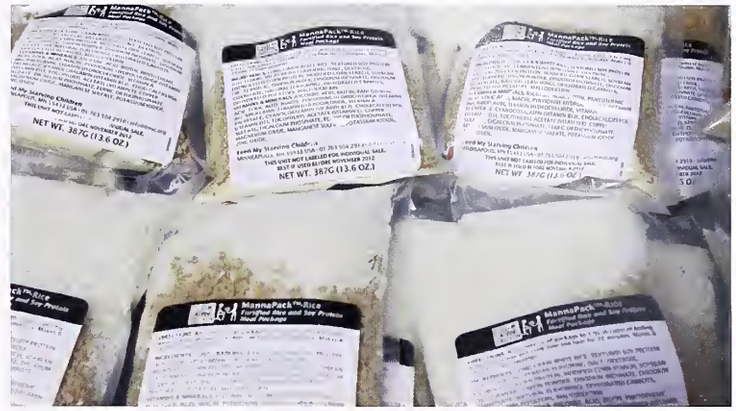
Culture Week is an exciting event on campus that gives international students a chance to display their talents and share their native culture. Culture week is hosted by the International Club and Student Programs Office, The purpose of the week is to educate and promote all of the diversity on campus. All events are well attended by members from the Wartbug and Waverly communities. The week began with the Culture Fair where students shared information about the dress, food, and culture of their native countries. This was followed by a movie, "City of God," about a boy soldier and his life as a gangster in the decline of a neighborhood in Brazil. The week concluded with the Culture Week performance. The performance included acts such as a Japanese Geisha dance, a traditional Congolese Dance, and poetry readings. This year at least 150 students were involved in putting activities together for the week and making sure it went off successfully.





Feed My Starving Children

"With some charities, you really have no idea where or who your money is going to. With something like this, you know it's going directly to people who really need it,"



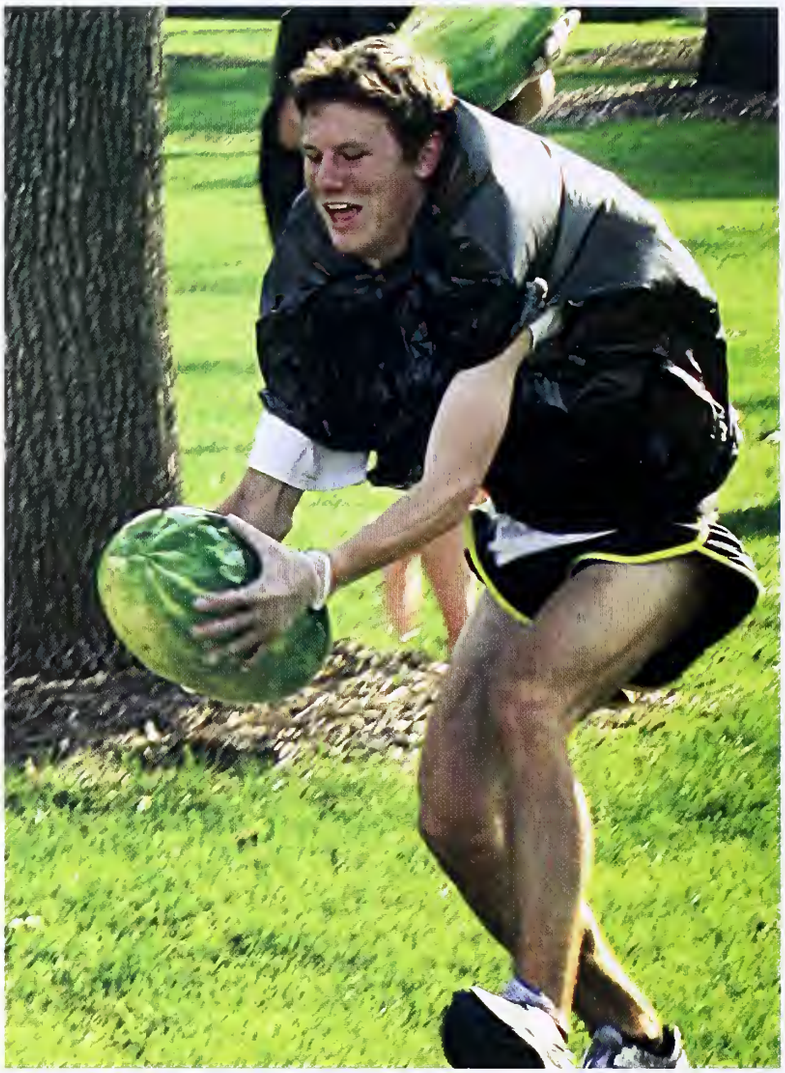
Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization that is committed to feeding the hungry. Children and adults volunteer their time to hand-pack meals specifically for malnourished children. The organization sends the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world.

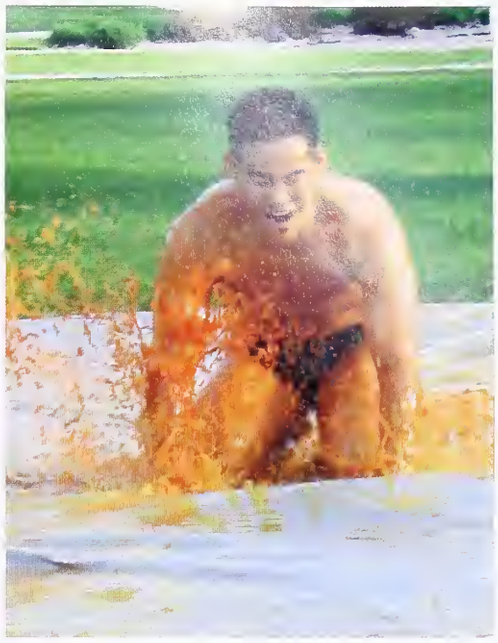
Feed My Starving Children has a mobile packing center that travels all around the country. The organization was on campus for a total of three days. In that short time more than 900 volunteers helped pack 196,922 meals. Those meals will feed 540 children for an entire year.

Wartburg's original goal was to pack 186,000 meals this year. However, after the need for food arose in Japan after a tsunami in March, Feed My Starving Children has asked that mobile packing events pack an extra 7,128 meals, which is equivalent of one pallate. These additional meals went directly to Japan relief.

Food Olympics

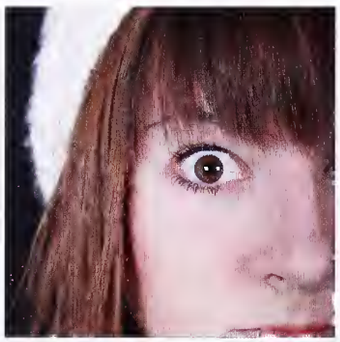
"Messy Play Term Fun"





The Food Olympics are a May Term tradition filled with many fun-filled competitions for students to participate in. Student Center Council works hard to put on this annual event. Competitions include: the orange pass, egg spoon race, greased watermelon relay, doughnut eating contest, and the condiment slide. Prizes were given to the winners of each event. Students were invited to watch their peers compete in these entertaining food events while enjoying a picnic on the campus mall.

MAGNER



People

Portraits

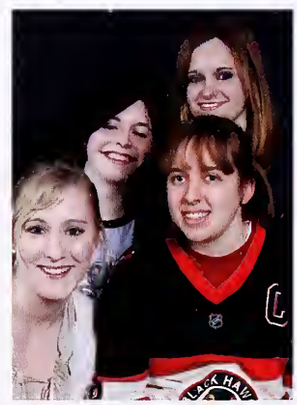
"A good friend is a connection to life - a tie to the past, a road to the future, the key to sanity in a totally insane world."

Katie Aldrich & Tyler Winkey

Molly Anderson, Lizzie Lockard, & Katie Hoobler

Nicki Anderson

Moti Anota



Kristine Arnold, Katie Hoobler, Deidre Whipple, & Sarah Langston

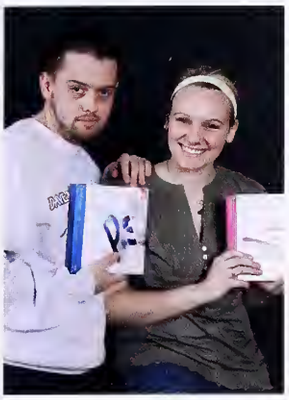
Leah Arthur

Yvonne Ayesiga

Abbie Baker

Kaitlyn Baldride

Andrew Bartlet


Kyle Barton & Alexandra Madole

Lauren Baskerville

Lauren Bauer & Taylor Shaw

Meghann Baumann & Heather Nefzger

Benjamin Bentil

Suzy Berndt

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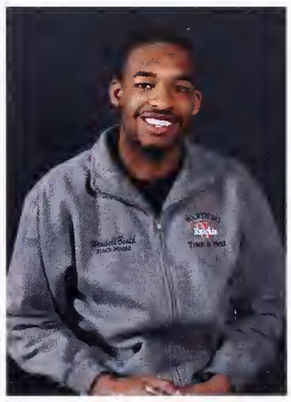
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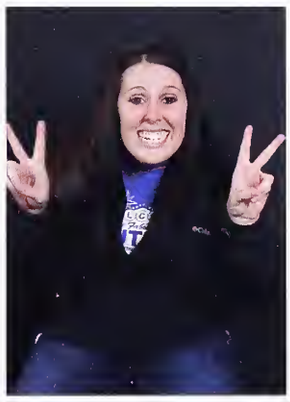
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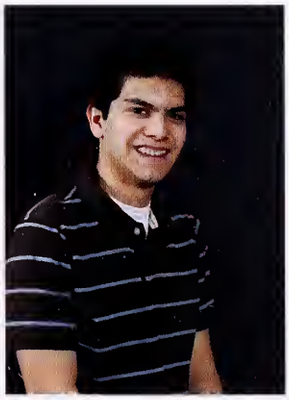
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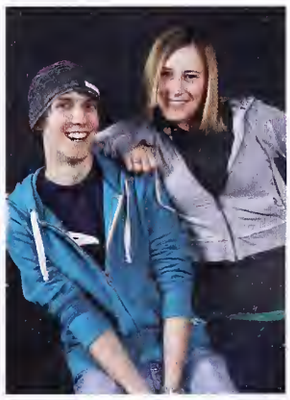
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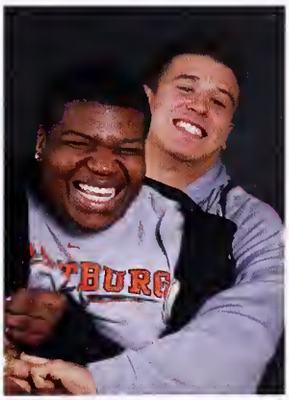
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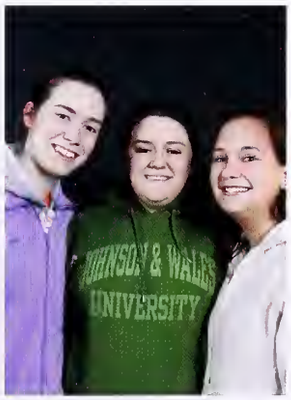

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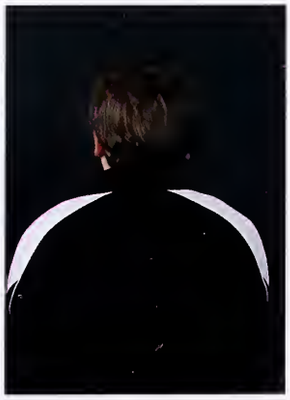

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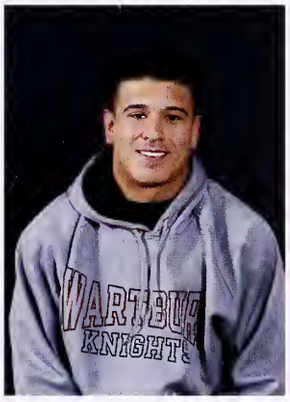

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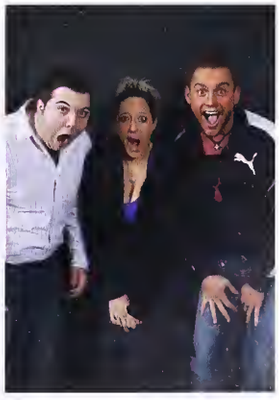

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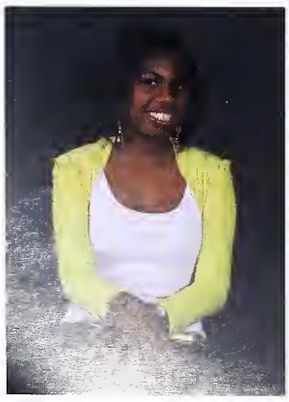

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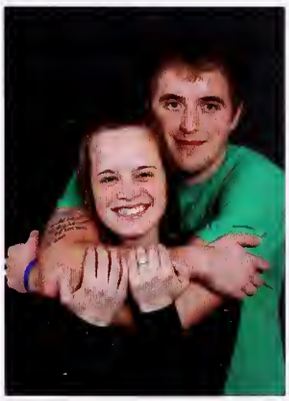
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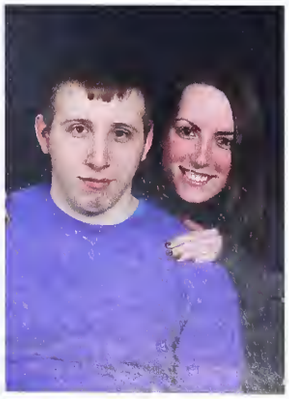

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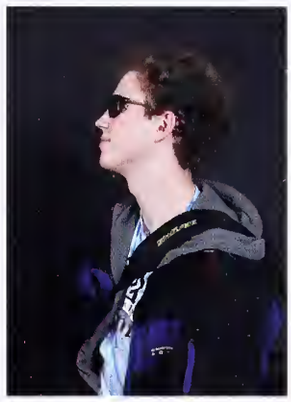

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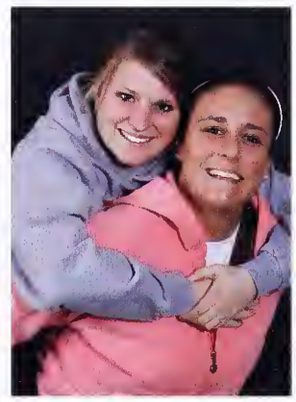

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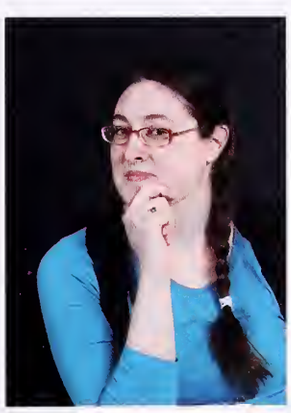

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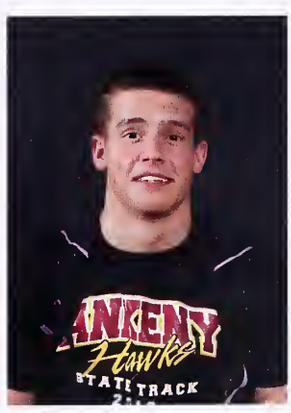

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Organizations

"The only source of knowledge is experience."
- Albert Einstein

Ambassadors

Asian Student Association

Castle Singers

Catholic Knights

Dance Marathon

Forensics

The Fortress

Homecoming Committee

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Mu Epsilon

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Student Orientation Staff

Pi Eta Sigma

Public Relations Student Society of America

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Student Alumni Council

St. Elizabeth's Chorale

Student Center Council

Student Senate

Triathlon Club

Trumpet

Volunteer Action Center

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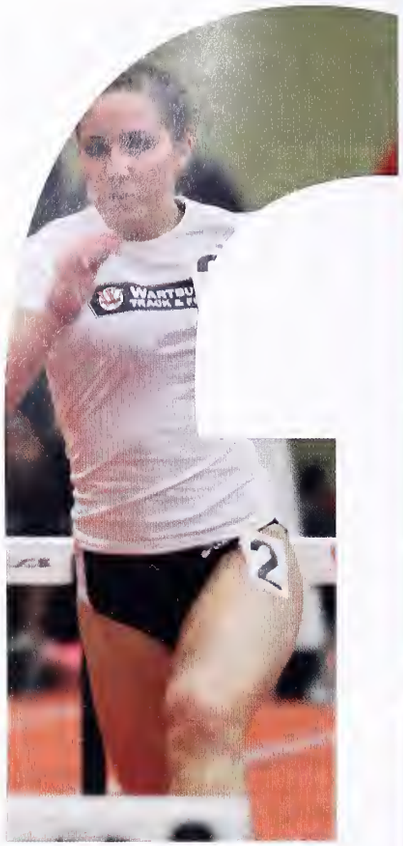

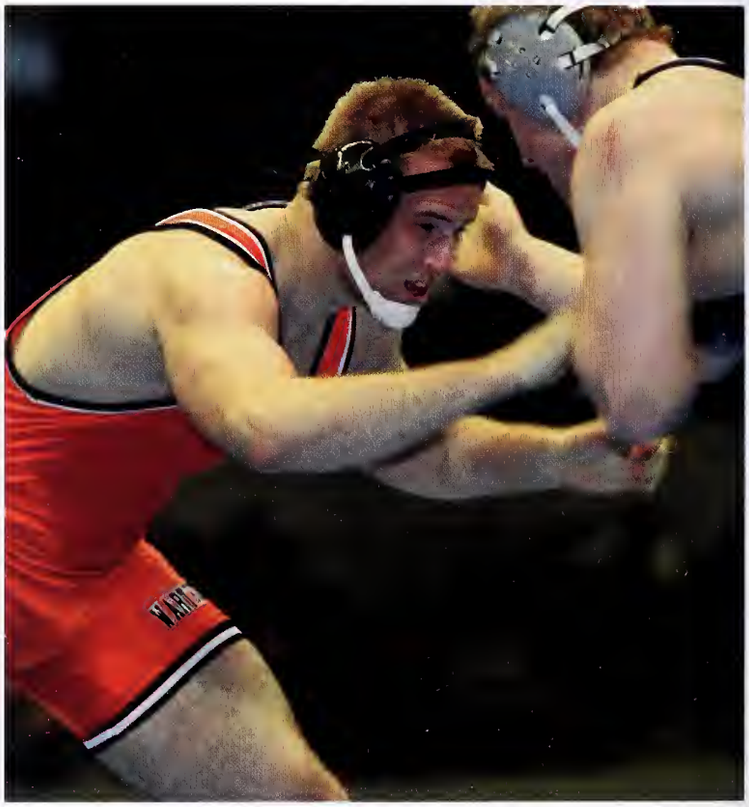

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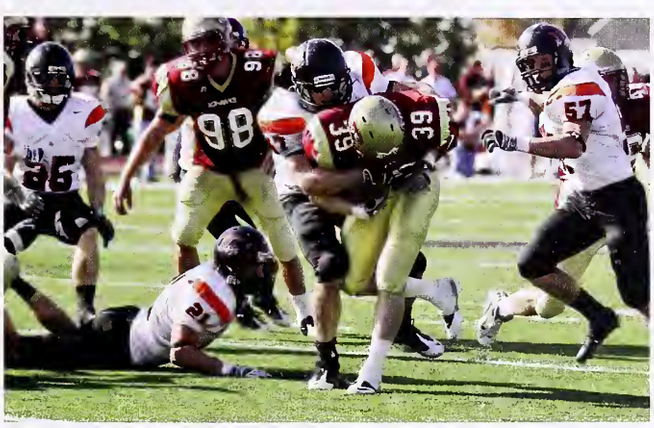
Sports

Football

"It's pretty impressive. The team should be proud. We went on the road and beat three top-20 teams and that speaks volumes."



The Knights kicked off what would be a remarkable season with their home opener against Monmouth College, defeating the competition 27-7. The wins wouldn't stop there for the Knights. They went on to win all ten of their regular season games including a 55-17 victory over the University of Dubuque on Homecoming. The Knights were named conference champions for the 12th time, and this season marked the second unbeaten regular season in school history. The Knights also received high ranking on national and regional polls. Unfortunately the Knights couldn't keep their dream alive. The Knights fell to Bethel College 28-20 in the first round of playoffs.

Volleyball

"I was proud of how our team worked everything out and hung in for the win."

The Knight's Volleyball team had an impressive season this year. The orange and black started their season with strong showings at the St. Mary's Sugar Invitational and Wartburg Invitational. However, the team got a large boost of confidence at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational. They opened the two-day event with back-to-back three-game sweeps of St. Norbert College and Wisconsin Lutheran College. They finished the weekend with wins against UW-Oshkosh and Ripon College taking the tournament title.

One of their most notable accomplishments was earning the IIAC conference title. With this win, the team qualified for the NCAA Division III national tournament. They took out their first-round opponent, UW Whitewater in 3 matches. The Knights advanced to the next round to take on the third-ranked Washington University of St. Louis, Mo. The two teams battled it out, but the Knights fell in a tough four-set loss. The team finished their season with an overall record of 24-16, and a 5-3 conference record.

Cross Country

"The women had a great year. When you look at what we overcame, graduating eight seniors, it's just awesome."

Both the men's and women's cross country teams had a successful season. Wartburg's men were at the number 9 spot on the weekly United States Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association's Central Region rankings, released on September 14th. The women were ranked No. 25 nationally, and No. 4 on the Central Region poll produced by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The Wartburg cross country Coach, Steve Johnson, named junior runner Grant Moser and senior Lori Tlach as Most Valuable Athlete at their annual banquet on December 4, 2010. Moser was the high finisher for the men at the Iowa Conference and NCAA Division III Central Region meets, and also gained a player of the week award. Tlach won the Central Region title and was an All-American at nationals with a 17th place finish. Other awards handed out by Johnson include: Most Improved going to sophomore Parker Comentino, and sophomore Erin Seymour. Most Inspirational went to senior Jon Stover, and Laura Sigmund. Top Newcomer was freshman Sam Read, and freshman Sammi Bruett. The Coaches Award went to senior Nick Lee, junior Tanner Linden, and seniors Anna Kraayenbrink, and Emily Long. Wartburg held three meets this season, and on November 20, 2010 the Knights hosted the National Cross Country Meet.

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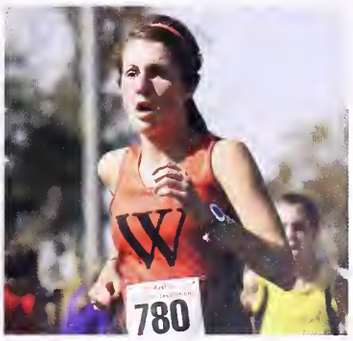
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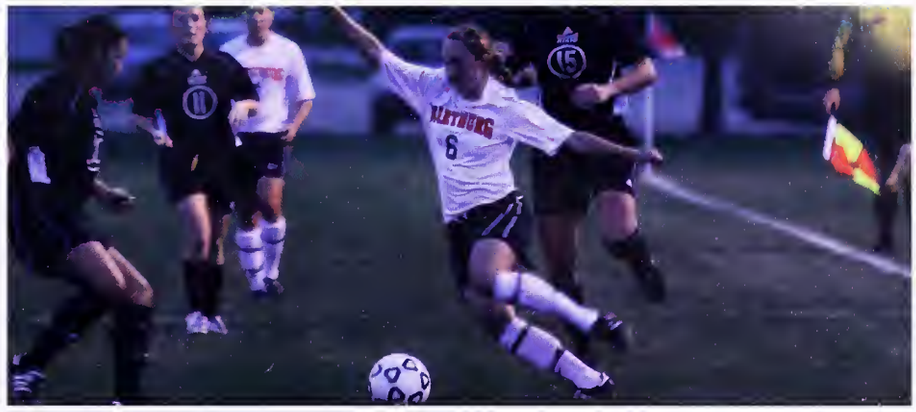
Men's Soccer

"The guys played with confidence, they played with their heads up the entire season. I am very proud of them."

The Knights earned the number one seed in the IIAC conference tournament. The Knights have made it to the finals eight years in a row, and have earned five titles. The men's soccer team had numerous awards and accomplishments this season. The 2010 most valuable player award went to senior midfielder Lucas Prater, Lucas was also named first team all-Iowa Conference and second team all-National Soccer Coaches Association of America award. Offensive player of the year went to sophomore Brandon Cook. Senior Brandon Busbee took the defensive player of the year. Newcomer of the year was picked up by freshman Bob Brown. The most improved award went to sophomore David Sanford, and the coaches' award went to senior Kyle McKenna.

Women's Soccer

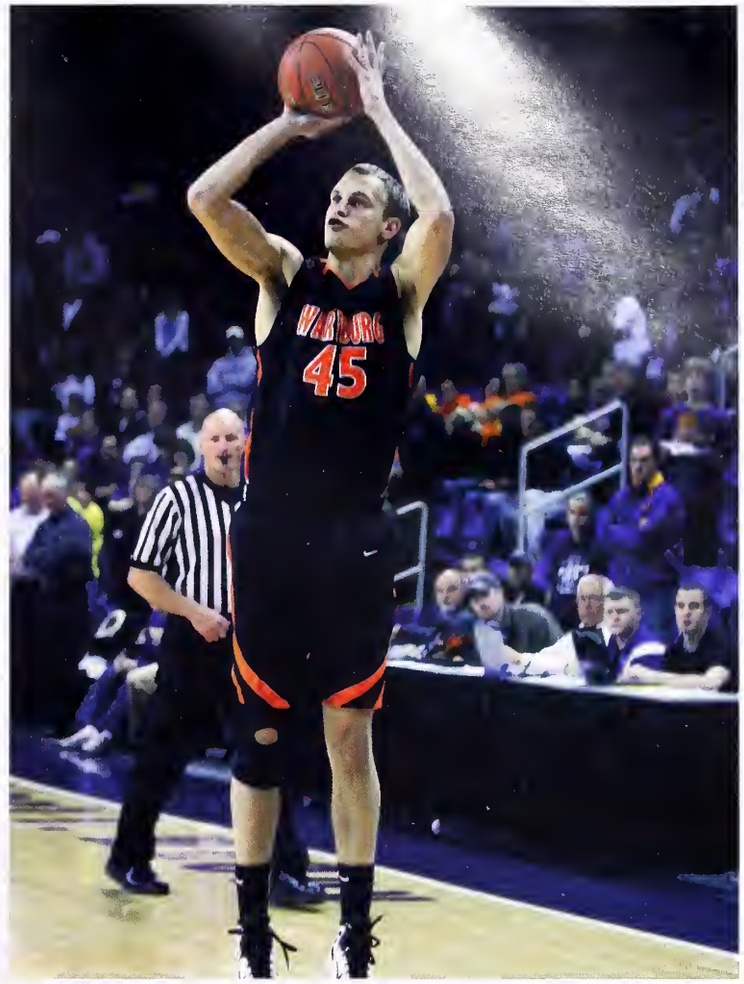
"They worked hard, they played with heart and passion. It was fun to coach a great team like that."



This year the women had great success. They ended their season with a 14-6 record. Junior forward Katy Wendt received second team National Soccer Coaches Association Of America/Performance Subaru Division III All-American honors. Other honors include: Sophomore Kaylee Benning, junior Katy Wendt, freshman Anna Aquino, IIAC 1st team. Junior Jess Macauley, junior Mackenzie Moore, and Junior Chelsea Frye gained second team honors. Freshman Kelli Anderson received honorable mention. The Knights moved past the University of Dubuque and Loras in the Conference Championship. They advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament taking on the University of Chicago. The women ended their season by taking on No. 4-ranked Loras College in the NCAA Division III regional game on November 13, 2010.

Men's Basketball

"The season was a bit of a roller coaster. Toward the end of the season we were playing our best basketball, which is encouraging."



After a tough exhibition loss to the University of Northern Iowa at the start of the season, the Knights Men's Basketball team bounced back to win three back-to-back games. Their next several games proved to be quite a challenge, going on a five game losing streak. They finished out their season winning four of their last six games.

Junior Jordan Sathoff will come into the 2011-2012 season ranked number 28 in all-time scoring with 1,037 points. Senior Cole Danielson closes his three-year career with 1,011 points.

Wartburg ended its 75th year of competition on a strong note, gaining wins in four of its final six. They finished their season with a 10-14 overall record and a 5-11 record in the IIAC conference.

Women's Basketball

"I told the team we needed to keep doing what we're doing. Basketball is a game of runs."

Wartburg women's basketball closed a successful season with an overall record of 21-5. Their advancement ended with a loss to the University of Dubuque in the Iowa Conference Championships quarterfinals. The orange and black locked up the third seed in IIAC tournament with a sixth consecutive win on a road game at the University of Dubuque. Samantha Harrington was honored individually, being named team MVP and placed on D3Hoops.com's first team all-West Region squad. Harrington averaged 12.5 points a game and a career scoring of 1,263 points. The Knights were not only honored for their athletic performance this season, but they also ranked fifth on the final NCAA Division III statistics for attendance. The women drew an average attendance of 740, being part of the nation's best average for the Iowa Conference.

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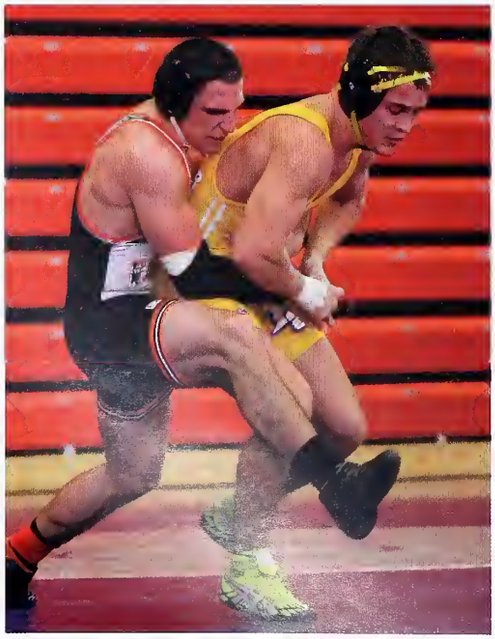
"It feels great. It's obvious what we worked for all year long. We had to win it."



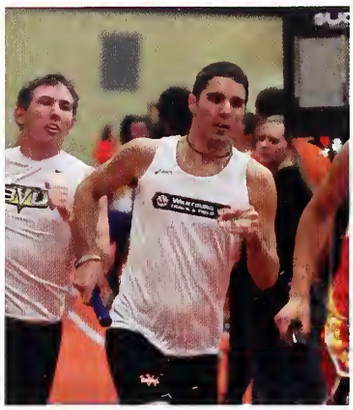
The Knights Wrestling Team had another successful season. The Knights wrapped up their season with an overall record of 21-1. The team also took several first place finishes at tournaments throughout the year including the Simpson Invitational and the Dick Walker Invitational. The team also had a strong appearance in the Vegas Duals.

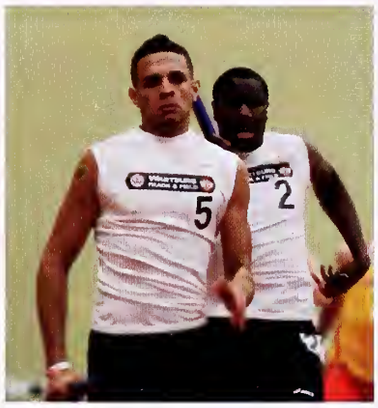
For the second year in a row and the eighth time in school history, the Knights earned the Division III National Wrestling Title. Leading the team was senior heavyweight John Helgerson and junior 197-pounder Byron Tate, who both won individual national titles. Wartburg ended the meet with 117 points, besting the field by 28.5 points.

Wartburg's seven individual All-Americans: Mark Kist– third; Tommy Mirocha– fourth Jacob Groth-sixth; Carrington Banks fourth; Bradley Banks-second; continued a string of 16 years of five-or-more such honors. Helgerson ended his Wartburg career on a 21-match win streak, while Tate's roll now stands at 50 wins in his last 51 matches.

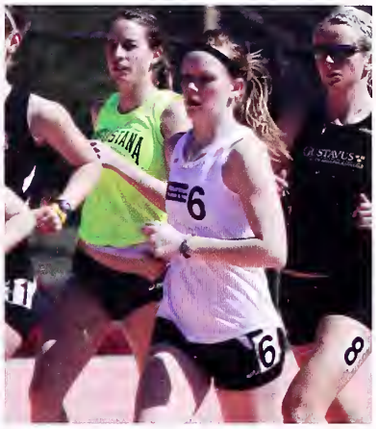
Track and Field

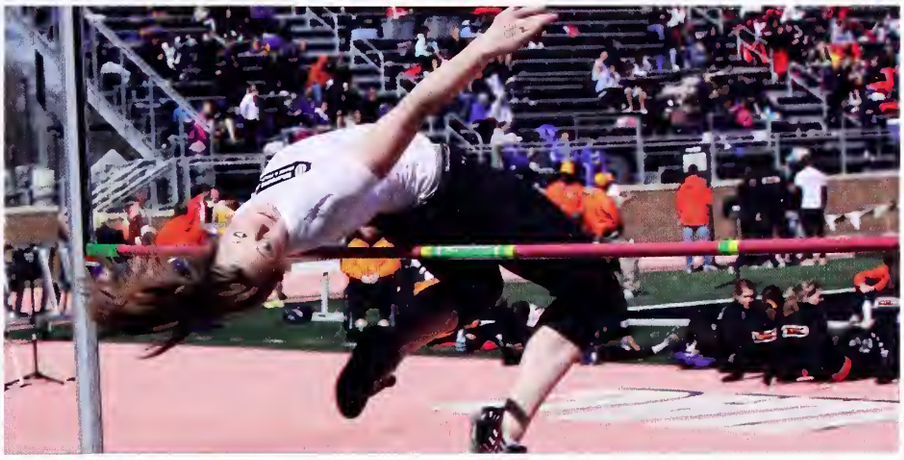
"Everyone ran pretty well, and overall it was great to win another championship.





This years men's and women's teams had a very successful season. The women the league title for the 12th time in a row, and the battled top 10 ranked Central to finish second by less than 70 points. The track and field team competed at the Drake relays in Des Moines. The women's 4x400 team set a new school record, and the 4x200 finished fourth. The men took 16th in the 4x200 and took fifth in the open 3000-meter steeplechase. Another season highlight came on April 23 when the men and women took home team titles at the Dick Young Classic at Grinnell College. Wartburg also had a successful indoor season sending seven women's events and two men's events to nationals.





Men's Tennis

"They came out strong in doubles and it gave them momentum going into singles."

Men's Tennis started out strong in their fall opener with Aaron Masterson and Nate Smith placing in the Iowa Conference Individual Championships. Both reached the semifinals with Masterson placing fourth in B flight and Smith fourth in C flight. The Knights finished their season with a 6-15 record, 3-5 in the Iowa Conference, with a sixth place team finish after a 5-0 loss to the University of Dubuque. This season's leaders included sophomore Blayne Willadsen, junior Chris Buckingham, and in doubles the combination of senior Anthony Greco and Blayne Willadsen. This season Willadsen extended his singles winning streak to six matches and raised his record to 13-6, which ranks him best on the team.

Women's Tennis

"We had a great season. I am very proud of our overall record and looking to improve it next year."

Women's Tennis finished their season with an overall record of 12-4, with a win against Cornell the team finished third in the IIAC Team Championships. Individually sophomore Claire Evans took home the B flight championship and senior Molly Eslick made it to the semifinal round of the A flight. Women's Tennis also succeeded in doubles play this season, Eslick and senior Leanna Nelson won the consolation title in A flight. Eslick and Nelson also earned doubles all-IIAC upon reaching the semifinals. This season marked Molly Eslick's fourth all-Iowa Conference award; the senior ended her career with a record of 85-19. Women's tennis looks to grow in the next couple of years with a large number of underclassmen on the roster.

Men's Golf

"We did the little things right, which made a huge difference in tourneys. We found ways to succeed"

Men's golf ended their 2011 season with a sixth-place finish at the Iowa Conference Championships with a team score of 1,286. The Knights had two members place individually. Senior, Michael Dominick finished ninth overall and Sophomore, Matt Kristensen tied for twenty-fourth. Throughout the season the orange and black finished within the top five for team scores, placing first at the Wartburg Spring Invitational. Dominick was honored with an all-league award, marking the fourth straight year men's golf has had at least one honoree. This young team will only be losing one senior, and will be returning two juniors, three sophomores, and five freshmen.

Women's Golf

It was a successfull season with our finish in the championship and winning our fourth consecutive Iowa Conference championship in the fall."

Wartburg put another successful year in the books for women's golf. The Knights advanced to the Division III National Championship in Howey in the Hills, Florida where as a team they placed thirteenth with a total score of 1,024. Individually the Knights succeeded as well, Paige Klostermann tied for twenty-third, Kelsi Sawatzky tied for twenty-ninth, and Rebecca Lewis finished with a tie at forty-fourth. Klostermann and Sawatzky were also named all-Midwest Region this year at tournament's award banquet. This successful season was their fourth top fifteen finishes in the past seven years. The Knights are looking strong going into next year with losing only two seniors.

Baseball

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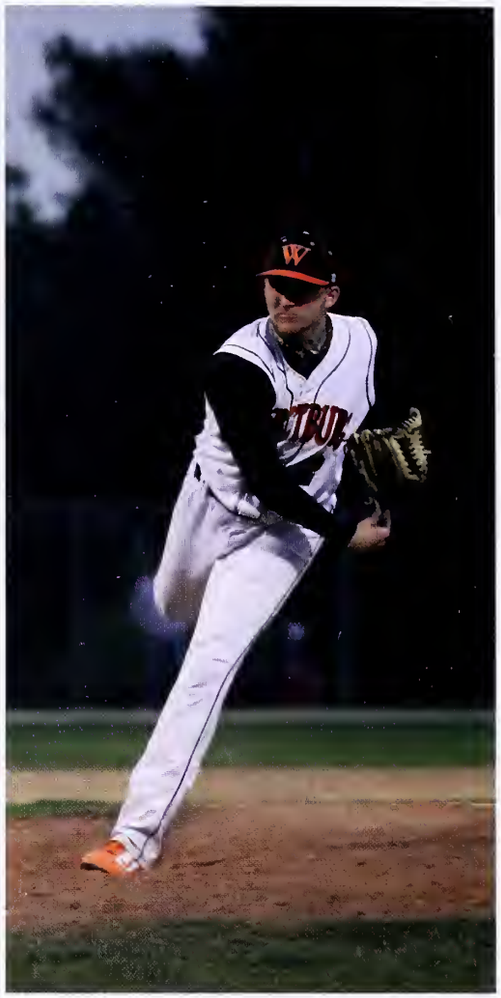

The Knights baseball team had a successful season which lead them to advance to the fourth consecutive Iowa Conference tournament championship series. Wartburg lost to number one seed Coe, but stayed in the tournament taking on the number four seed Simpson. The Knights took a win over Simpson, but again lost to Coe in the championship game. The orange and black finished the weekend with a 3-2-tournament record, and a second place finish. Coach Joel Holst said, "Our five seniors gave a really good amount of leadership this year and it was nice to see them have success." The Knights closed the season with a 27-18 record. Senior pitcher Bradley Watson was named the league's Pitcher of the Week after an 11-strikeout win over Central. His 11 strikeouts tied a personal single-game high. Also, freshman infielder Ryan Powers was named the Iowa Conference baseball Position Player of the Week.

Softball

"The plan is to keep focusing on being consistent in the various phases of the game. We just need to string quality innings together through an entire double header."

The Knights softball team kicked off their season with a winter break trip to Tuscon, Arizona. The Knights also took their game on the road traveling to Illinois and Virginia. The team found success with a pair of non-conference wins in their home opener against Grinnell on March 30. The Knights had a rocky season with a 10-27 overall record, and 2-14 record in the conference. The Knights have a young team with only four upperclassmen. Next year they are hoping to improve by having a more experienced team. Junior outfielder Lynn Heitkamp represented the Knights on the 2011 all-Iowa Conference teams. This is Heitkamp's second all-league award, and marks the 18th consecutive season a Wartburg player has been recognized on the all-league honor squads.

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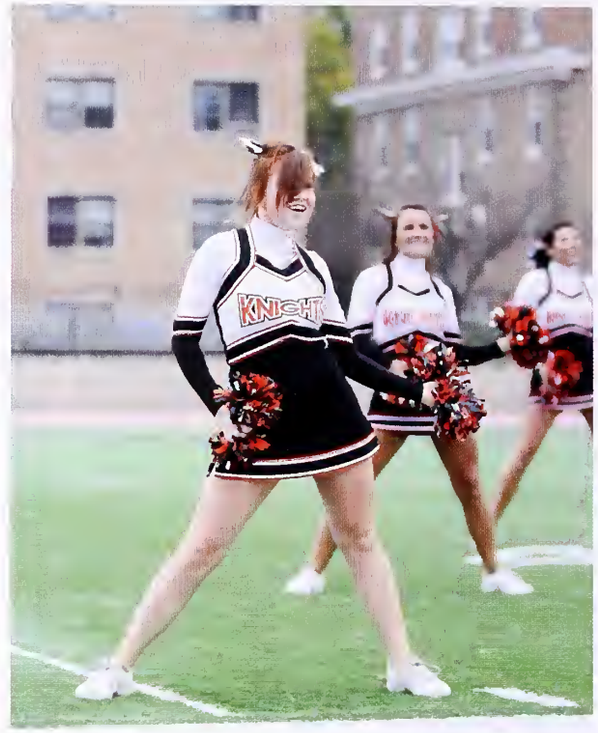
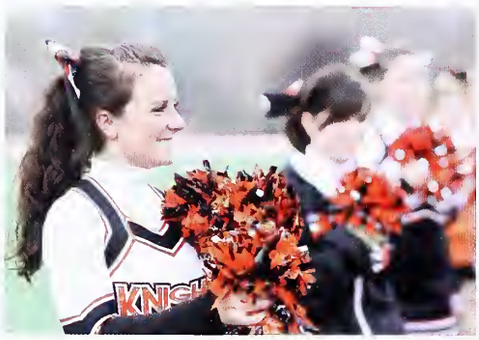
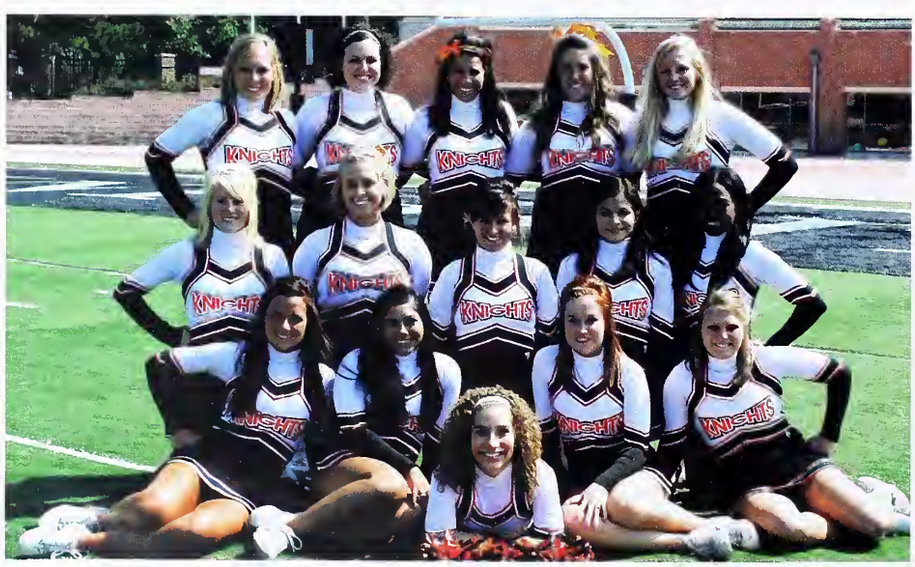
Cheerleading

"The co-ed partner stunts were a great opportunity for us expand routines."



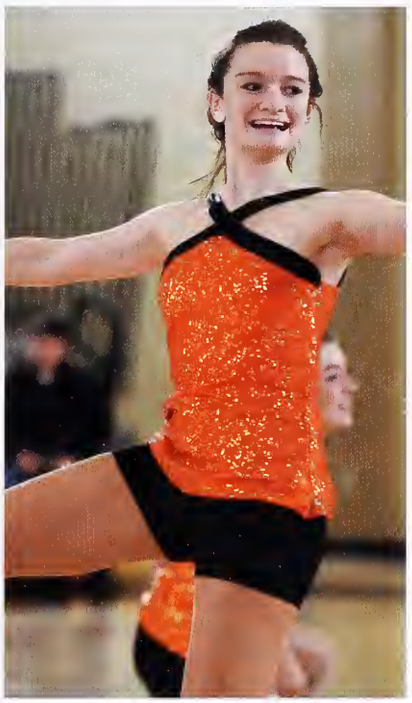




This year the Wartburg cheerleading squad had to work hard to overcome injuries, and had to compensate when they lost some girls. The football squad had an exciting season cheering for an undefeated team, and got the opportunity to cheer at the playoff game. The football squad cheers at every home and away game, performs a half-time homecoming routine, and participants in the homecoming parade. This year there were some new faces on the basketball squad. During the basketball season the girls got the opportunity to pair up with some of the football players to work on co-ed partner stunts. The girls said the experience was very exciting and they hope to work with the football players again next year.

Dance

"We had a great showing at the Iowa [illegible] and Drill Team Competition. I was very pleased w[illegible] how we placed."



The dance team performs a variety of routines at football games, basketball games, and participated in the homecoming parade. This year's team voted on Alex Ciota and Stevie Liljequist to be captains, and were coached by Kendra Christensen. The members of the fall team competed in the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team completion in Des Moines, performing a hip-hop and pom routine. The 16-member squad competed against other division III schools at the Iowa Dance and Drill Team Competition and took fourth place in poms.

Also, this year the team took the court to showcase a co-ed hip-hop routine at a home basketball game. The Wartburg dance team likes to spread school spirit to students and fans through their routines.

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned the hard way that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the most of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."
Gilda Radner

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